

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School is the school formerly known as Chicagoland Jewish High School.

MISSION	Rochelle Zell Jewish High School creates a culture of academic excellence that inspires our students to think critically and achieve their full potential, while preparing them to live Judaism as responsible and involved citizens in the modern world.
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GENERAL INFORMATION	Rochelle Zell Jewish High School (RZJHS), located 25 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, is a private, full-day, co-educational high school for students in grades nine through twelve. Rochelle Zell opened its doors in 2001 to 26 students. For the 2017-2018 school year, enrollment is 175 students drawn from 23 communities throughout Chicago and its suburbs. Roughly three-quarters of our students advance to Rochelle Zell from Jewish day schools. The remaining students attended local public and private schools before Rochelle Zell. In the fall of 2007, Rochelle Zell moved to a permanent, state-of-the-art campus located on 7.3 acres in Deerfield. In November, 2015, Chicagoland Jewish High School changed its name to Rochelle Zell Jewish High School.
ACADEMIC PROGRAM	Rochelle Zell offers a college preparatory program that combines a rigorous general studies education with a comprehensive Jewish studies education, supplemented by strong athletic and fine arts programs, and numerous extracurricular activities and leadership opportunities. General and Jewish studies are valued equally at Rochelle Zell. When possible, subject areas are integrated to enable students to experience the secular world from the perspective of Jewish values and practices. Small size classes and differentiated instruction help each student find his or her own voice, solve problems creatively, cultivate respect for individual differences, and develop a deep dedication to learning. Admission to Rochelle Zell is competitive; students are evaluated based on their performance in junior high/middle school, standardized test results, faculty recommendations, and an interview.
ACCREDITATION	Rochelle Zell is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and has earned full recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education. Rochelle Zell is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC) and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Rochelle Zell complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice. Rochelle Zell is affiliated with Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools.
FACULTY	Rochelle Zell manifests its commitment to academic excellence by selecting faculty who are academically and pedagogically accomplished. Our teachers hold degrees from leading colleges and universities, including Barnard, Ben Gurion University, Brandeis, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Grinnell, Moscow State University, Northwestern, Princeton, Stanford, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, Tufts, Vanderbilt, and Washington University. Of our 50 faculty members, over 50% hold Master's Degrees, Doctorates, and Rabbinic/Cantorial ordinations. Several of our teachers have received peer recognition for their professional accomplishments. For example, Dale Griffith, English/History Department Chair, has been named outstanding teacher by the University of Chicago 13 times. Bruce Scher, Academic Dean, was inducted into the Illinois State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame, and is a recipient of IACAC's Kasowski Award. Dr. Rebecca Schorsch was awarded the prestigious Covenant Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. The school is committed to facilitating the professional development of its faculty through an academic mentoring program that includes diverse staff development initiatives.
GENERAL STUDIES CURRICULUM	The general studies curriculum includes English, mathematics, history and social sciences, science, modern languages (Hebrew and Spanish), the arts, and health and physical education. Academic subjects are generally taught at two levels: a College Preparatory level and an Honors or Advanced Placement level. Students may work at different levels in different subjects. Ten AP courses are offered this year. The College Board has authorized each of our AP courses to use the AP designation for the 2017-18 academic year. Because of the demands of the dual curriculum, students are able to take a maximum of eight AP courses during their years at Rochelle Zell.
JEWISH STUDIES CURRICULUM	All students study Bible, Jewish History, Modern Jewish Thought, and Talmud, which is one of Judaism's central texts and the basis for all codes of Jewish law. Talmud is taught in three tracks: an English track for beginning Jewish Studies students, and separate Hebrew tracks at College Prep and Honors levels. Students in the Hebrew tracks study Talmud in the traditional manner, by translating the ancient Hebrew and Aramaic texts and exploring their meaning with a partner.

ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM	In May 2017, 54 students took 107 Advanced Placement exams. 15% of the scores were 5, 26% of the scores were 4, and 85.2% of the scores were 3 or higher. Six students were named National AP Scholars, six students earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, seven students earned the AP Scholar with honors award.																
NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM	One of the 39 members of the Class of 2017 has been named a finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, while two have been named finalist commended students.																
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AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)	100% of the Rochelle Zell Class of 2017 took either the SAT or the ACT. The Rochelle Zell average ACT composite score for 2018 was 29. The Illinois average was 21.4; the National average was 21.0. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Class of 2018</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Classes of 2013–2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Distribution of ACT Composite Scores</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Distribution of ACT Composite Scores</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">36–34 6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">36–34 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">33–31 9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">33–31 45</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">30–28 10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30–28 62</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">27–25 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27–25 37</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">24–22 7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">24–22 23</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">21 and under 1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21 and under 20</td> </tr> </table>	Class of 2018	Classes of 2013–2018	Distribution of ACT Composite Scores	Distribution of ACT Composite Scores	36–34 6	36–34 20	33–31 9	33–31 45	30–28 10	30–28 62	27–25 5	27–25 37	24–22 7	24–22 23	21 and under 1	21 and under 20
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ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS	The majority of students enroll in a minimum of seven one-credit courses each semester: five general studies courses and two required Jewish Studies courses. Students take a minimum of six semesters of Fine, Performing and Literary Arts courses, and a physical education course each semester. Students may elect to enroll in an additional general studies course each semester. All students take eight semesters of Hebrew. Fine, Performing and Literary Arts courses and Physical/Health Education are not computed in the grade-point average.																

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2017

The school year consists of two semesters. Some classes are taught in modified block scheduling. Some laboratory science and math courses meet at additional times each week. Courses receive .25-1 credit each semester, depending on the number of times the class meets weekly. Most academic classes earn one credit per semester. Minimum graduation requirements are as follows:

Subject	Semester Credits
English	8
Mathematics	6
Social Sciences	8
Science	6
Hebrew	8
Bible.....	7
Jewish Thought.....	3
Talmud.....	7
Fine/Performing/Literary Arts.....	3
Physical Education/Health.....	4
Total Credits for Graduation.....	60*

*Transfer students may have fewer credits.

GRADING POLICY

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School does not compute class rank or weighted grade-point averages. A cumulative GPA is computed each semester and includes all credit courses taken at or approved by Rochelle Zell. Grading is by letter grade on the following scale:

Letter Grade	Score	GPA
A	93–100	4.0
A-	90–92	3.7
B+	87–89	3.3
B	83–86	3.0
B-	80–82	2.7
C+	77–79	2.3
C	73–76	2.0
C-	70–72	1.7
D+	67–69	1.3
D	63–66	1.0
D-	60–62	.7
F	Below 60	.0
P/F	Pass/Fail	
RNC	Required/No Credit	
W	Withdrawn	
R	Repeat	
AUD	Audit	
M	Medical	
I	Incomplete	

ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM 2017-2018

ENGLISH	Literature and Composition I (College Prep and Honors) (9) Literature and Composition II (College Prep and Honors) (10) American Literature (College Prep and Honors) (11) World Literature (College Prep) (12) Advanced Placement World Literature (12)												
MATHEMATICS	Algebra I (College Prep) (9) Geometry (College Prep and Honors) (9, 10) Algebra II (College Prep) (10, 11) Algebra II/Trigonometry (College Prep and Honors) (9, 10, 11) Pre-Calculus (College Prep and Honors) (10, 11, 12) Trigonometry/Stats (11, 12) Advanced Placement Calculus AB (11, 12) Advanced Placement Calculus BC (11, 12) Advanced Placement Statistics/Advanced Topics in Mathematics (12) Independent Study-Mathematics (11, 12)												
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Global Studies I (College Prep and Honors) (9) Global Studies II (College Prep and Honors) (10) Jewish History (College Prep) (10) United States History (College Prep) (11) Advanced Placement United States History (11) Middle Eastern Studies (College Prep) (12) Advanced Placement Psychology (12) Advanced Placement Microeconomics (12)												
SCIENCE	Biology (College Prep) (9) Chemistry (College Prep and Honors) (10) Physics (College Prep and Honors) (11, 12) Engineering Physics (College Prep) (11, 12)** Anatomy and Physiology (College Prep) (11, 12) Advanced Placement Chemistry (11, 12)* Advanced Honors Biology (12) Advanced Placement Physics A (Algebra-based) (12)												
MODERN LANGUAGE	Spanish I – IV Advanced Placement Spanish IV Advanced Topics in Spanish** Hebrew I – IX Seminar Hebrew I - IV												
BIBLE	Humash I [Five Books of Moses] (9) Nevi'im Rishonim I [Historical Prophets] (9) Humash II (10) Nevi'im Rishonim II (10) Nevi'im Rishonim (Mechinah) (11) Advanced Ketuvim (12) Ketuvim Mechinah (12)												
JEWISH THOUGHT	Contemporary Judaism Seminar (11) Modern Jewish Thought (College Prep and Honors) (12)												
TALMUD	Foundations and Meanings of Jewish Living (9) Foundations and Meanings of Jewish Prayer (10) Social Justice and the Development of Jewish Law (11) Rabbinics Seminar												
FINE, PERFORMING AND LITERARY ARTS	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Band</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Vocal Ensemble</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Studio Art/Advanced Studio Art</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yearbook</td> <td>Literary Journal</td> <td>Model United Nations</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dance</td> <td>Introduction to Computer Science</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debate</td> <td>Advanced Placement Computer Science**</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Band	Vocal Ensemble	Studio Art/Advanced Studio Art	Yearbook	Literary Journal	Model United Nations	Dance	Introduction to Computer Science		Debate	Advanced Placement Computer Science**	
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*Offered alternate years

**New course titles effective 2017-2018

ROCHELLE ZELL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Allegheny College
American Jewish University
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Art Institute of Boston
at New Brunswick
Baldwin-Wallace University
Bard College
Bar-Ilan University
Barnard College
Binghamton University
Bryn Mawr College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Carroll College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
City Colleges of Chicago
Clark University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of Lake County
College of the Atlantic
College of Wooster
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Columbia College
Columbia University
Corcoran College of Art and Design
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Drake University
Drexel University
Duke University
Eastern Illinois University
Eastern Michigan University
Elmhurst College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Goucher College
Grinnell College
Hampshire College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hebrew Theological College
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Hofstra University
Hunter College of the CUNY
Illinois Institute of Art
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Jewish Theological Seminary
Johns Hopkins University
Kansas State University
Kendall College
Kent State University
Kenyon College
Kivunim
Knox College
Lake Forest College
Landmark College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Lewis and Clark College
Longy School of Music
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Macalester College
Machon Maayan
Manhattanville College
Marquette University
Massachusetts College of Art
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
McHenry County College
Miami University of Ohio
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Middlebury College
Midreshet Ein Hanatziv
Midreshet Lindenbaum
Midreshet Moriah
MIT
Muhlenberg College
Nativ
New School University
New York University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Illinois University
Northern Michigan University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oakton Community College
Oberlin College
Oregon State University
Parsons School of Design
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purchase College
Purdue University
Queens College of the CUNY
Quinnipiac University
Radford University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roosevelt University
Rothberg International School at Hebrew
University of Jerusalem
Rutgers, The State University
of New Jersey
Saint Johns University
Saint Xavier University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Simpson College
Skidmore College
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Stern College for Women
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology
Tel Aviv University
The Ohio State University
Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Tzahal
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California at Berkeley
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University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maine
University of Maryland, University College
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
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University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
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University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Rochester
University of South Florida, Tampa
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
University of Texas
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Western Illinois University
Western Michigan University
West Virginia University
William Rainey Harper College
Wittenberg University
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